(d) and (e) The major concerns of the current internal security scenario in the country centre around terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, subversive activities of militant groups in the North-East and violence perpetrated by the naxalite groups in some States. The Central Government has adopted a strategy to counter terrorism which gives primacy to dialogue, democratic pocesses and the rule of law. The approach is to deal with the menace of terrorism in a holistic manner on political, development and security fronts. Action is taken against the banned terrorist organizations wherever called for as per law. The Central Government has taken various steps such as strengthening of border management to check infiltration, gearing up of intelligence machinery, providing improved technology, weaponry and equipment for security forces, action as per law against terrorist and bilateral and multilateral cooperation to counter the activities of such terrorist outfits.

Natural calamities in Nagaland

273. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to unusual rain in Nagaland, properties/buildings/agriculture crops/roads were badly damaged during the year 2004;

(b) if so, whether any sanction has been accorded to compensate the damage caused by such natural calamities; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure, the concerned State Government is required to undertake relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by natural calamities, including calamities caused by heavy rains, out of the corpus of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). The CRF is contributed by the Government of India and the State Government in the ratio of 3:1.

In case, the calamity is of a severe nature and funds available in the State CRF account are not sufficient for meeting the expenditure on relief and rehabilitation, additional financial assistance is provided to the States

from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in accordance with the laid down procedure.

The Government of Nagaland had submitted a memorandum seeking financial assistance from NCCF for floods of 2004. The request of the State Government was considered by the High Level Committee (HLC). The Committee, taking into account the report of the Central Team, recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) and norms of assistance under CRF/NCCF approved an amount of Rs. 3.36 crore for flood relief subject to the adjustment of the fund available under the State's CRF account. Taking into account, the funds available in the CRF account of the State Government for the instant calamity, an amount of Rs. 1.81 crore had been released from NCCF to the State Government on 9.11.2004.

Dealing with HIV/AIDS among para-military forces

274. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry is thinking of setting up of a Task Force, in co-ordination with NACO, to deal with HIV/AIDS among the para-military forces in the country;

(b) what plan or strategy the Ministry has to prevent and control incidence of HIV/AIDS in para-military forces; and

(c) the details of constitution of the proposed National AIDS Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Considering the special risk to Central Police Forces from HIV/AIDS, the Ministry of Home Affairs have prepared an Action Plan that envisages creation of awareness, prevention strategy, testing facilities at force hospitals, follow up procedure and training of medical & para medical staff in handling HIV/AIDS cases. The key areas of efforts required to fight the menace of HIV/AIDS among policy personnel and their families will be identified by a special Task Force in the co-ordination with NACO. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have constituted National Council on AIDS, the details of which are given in the enclosed Statement.